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(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Government are contemplating the revision of the time-scale of pay into two grades, viz., Rs. 35—3—80 and Rs. 75—7½—150 per mensem in all the mufassal collectorates, especially in heavy deltaic districts like Tanjore; and

(*e*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the matriculates were appointed as acting head clerks on Rs. 90 per mensem, and as acting deputy tahsildars on Rs. 160 per mensem, in the Tanjore district and whether the Government will be pleased to have this sort of preferring matriculates to available senior B.A. and F.A. clerks cancelled in all the mufassal collectorates hereafter?

A.—The whole question appears to be based on the assumption that superior academical qualifications entitle the possessor to preference in promotion to the upper grades of the clerical service and to the deputy tahsildari. This is not the case. The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to the question No. 1188 (2) (*b*) asked by him at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 5th November 1927. There are no orders as suggested in the opening part of the question and there is no proposal as suggested in clause (*d*).

Village Establishments

Appointment as postmaster of the village munsif of Vishamangalam.

* 1512 *Q.*—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware that the village munsif is also employed as postmaster in Vishamangalam (Tiruppattur taluk);

(*b*) under what rules he is allowed to look after both the offices; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to separate the offices?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) The Government are not aware that the fact is as suggested.

(*b*) There is no rule prohibiting village officers from engaging in other avocations.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—"May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether both the Labour Officer and the Commissioner of Labour did not visit this part of the district?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"The hon. Member seems to refer to some other question, Sir."

Water-rate

Baling of water from the Chetti Tangal.

* 1513 *Q.*—Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu: With reference to the answer given by Government to question No. 570, dated 18th October 1927, and to questions 972 and 973, dated 31st October 1927, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased

(1) to call for the correspondence,